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1. PROTOCOL OFFICE INFORMED US DEC 29 THAT HUANG HUA WILL RECEIVE ME FRIDAY MORNING DEC 31. I INTEND TO EXPRESS CONGRATULATIONS ON HUA'S APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER; TELL HIM IF HE ASKS THAT I HAVE OFFERED TO REMAIN TO ASSURE AN ORDERLY TRANSITION PERIOD UNTIL NEW ADMINISTRATION APPOINTS SUCCESSOR; REFER TO MY DISCUSSION ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES WITH WANG HAI-JUNG; AND INVITE HIM TO DINNER WEEK OF JAN 17.

2. ALTHOUGH THIS OCCASION MAY PROCEED AS INTENDED MERELY AS A COURTESY CALL, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HUANG HUA MAY INITIATE STSE COMMENTS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS. DEC 28 NCNA "BLUE NEWS" CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S TIME INTERVIEW CONCERNING CHINA, CONCLUDING WITH STATEMENT THAT "I WOULD CERTAINLY CONSIDER IT ONE OF MY MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES TO PURSUE AND CONTINUE THE PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIPS WE HAVE WITH CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE
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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. THE PRC MAY WELL INTERPRET THIS STATEMENT AS ENDORSEMENT OF A TWO CHINA POLICY BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. IN ADDITION NCNA "BLUE NEWS" OF DEC 22 CARRIED EXCERPTS OF BRZEZINSKI INTERVIEW WITH TIME'S OGDEN ON US-CHINESE TIES INCLUDING HIS VIEW THAT U.S. CAN NOT SIMPLY ABANDON

MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY WITH TAIWAN. PLEASE SEND ME
YOUR COMMENTS PRIOR TO 9:00 AM LOCAL DEC 31.
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